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On 12/22/59, DL-6-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following written report dated 12/22/59 to SA W. HARLAN BROWN. This report has been serialized as 134-1A-494A:

Informant determined at the G. I. Forum's last meeting held 12/20/59 the chairman, BILL LOWERY, appointed JOE LANDIN, BOB JONES and Mr. COLEMAN to the Poll Tax Committee. Most of the members at that time were reluctant to spend any time, effort or funds to promote the same of Poll tax.

Informant determined that on Saturday, 12/19/59, COLEMAN contacted Senator GONZALEZ by phone and arranged for the Senator to be in Dallas on Sunday, 1/10/60. COLEMAN then asked JOE LANDIN to find a meeting place. The Senator will speak to the public partly on the importance of paying the Poll Tax. LANDIN said he would try to get the Saint Anns (school) auditorium.

Informant further determined that on Sunday, 12/20/59, COLEMAN called BILL LOWERY and asked him to call a special meeting of the Forum for Tuesday, 12/22/59. LOWERY refused, saying it was impossible to get anybody to meet on Christmas week.

On Monday, 12/21/59, JOE LANDIN phoned LOWERY and asked him about the progress of the Senator's pending visit. LOWERY explained that he just could not call a meeting on Christmas week and beside the Forum did not have the money to sponsor GONZALEZ' trip. LANDIN said he was under the impression that COLEMAN was to furnish the money. LOWERY said COLEMAN had definitely wanted the Forum to pay the expenses. LOWERY's idea was to wait until the Forum's next regular meeting, 12/29/59, and discuss the matter. LANDIN agreed. LOWERY said he would probably have to cancel the visit by telegram. Later that night COLEMAN called LANDIN and

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